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TITLE OF INVENTION DEVICE OR APPARATUS FOR MANIPULATING MATTER

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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

08/398,629

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Examiner

John S. Hilten

Group Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to them amendment filed 11/19/96.

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2, 6-8, 37, 38, 40, 42-48, 50, 51, 64, 66, 67, and 69.

☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant **MUST** submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 5.

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

## Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: With respect to claim 1, the "manipulator means..." and "actuating means..." are considered to encompass the structure set forth in the specification and in combination with the remaining claimed structure of the claim avoids the prior art of record. Regarding claim 6, the "handle means..." is considered to encompass the structure set forth in the specification and in combination with the remaining claimed structure of the claim avoids the prior art of record. In claims 37, 40 and 44, the "means for moving..." is considered to encompass the structure set forth in the specification and in combination with the remaining claimed structure of the claim avoids the prior art of record. Regarding claim 48, the "means for expandably deploying..." is considered to encompass the structure set forth in the specification and in combination with the remaining claimed structure of the claim avoids the prior art of record. In claims 50, the "means for projecting and retracting..." is considered to encompass the structure set forth in the specification and in combination with the remaining claimed structure of the claim avoids the prior art of record.

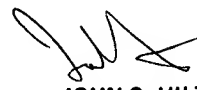
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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John S. Hilten whose telephone number is (703) 308-0719.

  
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**GROUP 3300**

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March 28, 1997